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SUBJ: PRC OPENS MISSION IN BARBADOS

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1. SOURCES IN NEWS MEDIA REPORT THAT PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS ESTABLISHED RESIDENT MISSION IN BARBADOS, ALTHOUGH GOB MADE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AS YET. NEWSMAN WHO INTERVIEWED THE FIVE PRC OFFICIALS APRIL 4 IDENTIFIES CHARGE AS YANG T-CHUN, SECOND SECRETARY AS LI TENG-CHI AND ATTACHE AS WANG TEH-JEN. NEWSMAN SAYS TWO OTHER PRC OFFICERS ARE ALSO PART OF THE PERMANENT MISSION WHICH IS HOUSED FOR NOW IN THE CARIBBEE HOTEL.

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2. IN INTERVIEW, PRC CHARGE AND OTHERS WERE CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY SPECIFIC COMMENT ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE OR POLITICAL PURPOSE OF THE NEW MISSION, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF AN OFFICIAL GOB STATEMENT AND POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF A DESIRE TO WAIT UNTIL AN AMBASSADOR IS NAMED. CHARGE DID TELL NEWMAN THAT HE PRESENTED GOB EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER HENRY FORDE A LETTER FROM

PRC FOREIGN MINISTER BEFORE FORDE LEFT FOR VENEZUELA
APRIL 3.

3. IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE PRC WOULD OPEN WHAT
APPEARS T BE A FIVE-MAN PERMANENT MISSION IN BARBADOS
RATHER THAN, FOR EXAMPLE, ACCREDIT NON-RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THEIR MISSION IN GEORGETOWN. IT IS
ALSO INTERESTING HOW QUICKLY AND QUIETLY THE PRC
MISSION CAME INTO BEING AND THE LACK OF ANY OFFICIAL
GOB STATEMENT THUS FAR. NEWSMAN'S STORY IS
EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER APRIL 6
AND MAY PROMPT GOB STATEMENT THEREAFTER.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIO INFO ON INDIVIDUALS
NAMED IN PARA 1.
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